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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: LAGOS WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE PROJECTS

REF: A) LAGOS A-100

B) STATE 264885

1. GENERAL MAGNITUDE AND TIMING OF WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS ARE STILL AS OUTLINED REF (A). THILAGANATHAN INFORMED US TODAY THAT PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN APRIL OR MAY OF 1975, WITH TENDER TO GO OUT IN JUNE OR JULY.

2. IBRD HAS NOT BOWED OUT OF PROJECT COMPLETELY, BUT HAS NO PLANS FOR LOAN IN NEAR FUTURE. WILL STUDY PROJECT AGAIN IN LATE 1975 WITH VIEW TO SUPPORTING LATER PHASES OF ONGOING WORK, PROBABLY NOT BEFORE LATE 1976. IN MEANTIME, PROJECT WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED UNDER NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCING. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PIRNIE CAN CONTACT MR. RIBI, DIVISION CHIEF, PUBLIC UTILITIES DIVISION, WEST AFRICAN OFFICE, OF IBRD'S WASHINGTON HQ.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME AS TO COMPETITION. BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT CONTRACT WOULD BE "SEWN UP" AT THIS EARLY DATE. AS REPORTED REF (A), A GERMAN FIRM, G.K.W., IS CONDUCTING FEASIBILITY STUDY: THIS MAY FAVOR GERMAN CONTRACTORS. WITH REGARD TO SOKOTO WATERWORKS PROJECT IN NW STATE, DOLS 8.5 MILLION CONTRACT WAS RECENTLY AWARDED TO DANISH FIRM SUPPORTED BY DANISH GOVERNMENT LOAN.

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4. EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF LAGOS SEWERAGE SYSTEM IS

ENTIRELY SEPARATE PROJECT. REF (A) GIVES LATEST STATUS.
FMG STILL HAS NOT NAMED ENGINEERING FIRM TO DO FEASIBILITY
STUDY, BUT SHOULD DECIDE SOON. OF 6-7 FIRMS BEING CONSIDERED,
GILBERT ASSOCIATES IS THE SOLE U.S. FIRM. LATEST INFORMATION
IS THAT IT IS IN STRONG POSITION TO WIN CONTRACT. IF IT
DOES, THIS WILL AUGER WELL FOR U.S. CONTRACTS BIDDING FOR
DOWNSTREAM WORK.
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